

Mission of the City of Courtland

We envision Courtland as a city with managed growth which offers a high quality of life for individuals, families and businesses at an affordable cost.

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 5, 2026

Members Present: Mayor Al Poehler
Council Member Pam Rodewald
Council Member Nathan Marti
Council Member Greg Juberien

Members Absent: Council Member Justin Kraus

Others Present: Julie Holm Dave Ubel Pam Stocco Tim Portner John Stadick Mike Nelson Bob Schabert

The regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Poehler at 7:00 pm on February 5, 2026 in the Council chambers in City Hall.

Rodewald made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Juberien seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Rodewald made a motion to approve January 8, 2026, regular Council meeting minutes. Marti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Juberien made a motion to approve monthly bills. Marti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Public Utilities: Dave Ubel reports the water plant is pumping more than is usual for winter months, there may be a leak. Dave asked MN Rural Water to come out and help conduct some tests, a free service, to determine if anything obvious could be found. They were unable to determine any leaks as of now, MN Rural Water left some equipment to use for a time and are working with Dave to come up with a plan going forward.

Dave reports the new double doors for Community Center are here. Dave has gotten 2 bids for fixing damaged wall from accident last month with one being \$8,258.00 from ARR Construction, this will be covered by insurance. The steel could not be exactly matched as the building is 40years old and painting may be needed in the future to have one color scheme. There has been a recommendation to put new insulation in while fixing and that part of the bid from ARR and is \$2,288.00, this would be at cost to city. Council agrees this would be best done while wall is being fixed.

Visitor: Pam Stocco is present to address the council regarding awareness of SAVEAct bill that is being presented to state legislator for approval. Stocco asks council to review material

Council Reports: Councilmember Rodewald spoke with Jessica Morrison as to being able to park coffee truck near residents during the city-wide garage sales. The ask was to be able to park maybe at Red Shoe Park or one of residential driveways. Discussion on the congestion involved during garage sales in the cul-de-sacs and that clean up day is the Saturday of the sales. Ordinance allows for vending in our B1, B2, I1 or I2 zones, this would allow for her to park either at the old Fiemeyer's station or on the creamery parcel that is Frank Bode Trucking. Rodewald will reach out to let Jess know council recommendations.

Street Committee: No Report.

City Clerk: Clerk Holm asks council for thoughts on response to Nicollet County on cannabis registration and compliance from discussion last month. Council will have clerk respond that the city is in favor of having Nicollet County take these responsibilities as previously outlined and was put into current ordinance. The city will retain zoning compliance. Holm has had an ask for reduced fee using the Community Center rented during garage sales and is bringing to Council and will ask Courtland Township and both parties are the board for the Center. Council opinion is no reduced fee. Clerk Holm reports the office will be closed February 16, 2026 in observance of President's Day. Holm reports audit will be conducted that week as well when she is back in the office after President's Day. Holm also notes that in March she will be attending clerk's conference March 24-27, 2026.

Mike Nelson representing Courtland Fireman Relief Association is present to request raise in firefighter benefit from \$2100 to \$2300. The fund balance is currently 118% vested. The increase will reduce vested amount to 112%, guidelines allow for funds to be at a vested percentage of 95%. Several firefighters have taken disbursement in last two years and vested amount remains up. The benefit is for fireman that retire from service and is paid out based on years of service. Must have 10 or more years to receive and after 20 years receive 100% of benefit, they must also reach an age of 59 before benefit can be paid out. Council agrees to increasing the benefit at this time.

Marti made a motion to approve Fireman Relief benefit raise of \$200 to \$2300. Rodewald seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Resolution 26-101 Resolution Approving Courtland Relief Association Bingo Event is presented for approval. This event is new event the Relief Association would like to try in March. They would like to try different options to Fish Fry in October. Councilmember Juberien brings up that they could pair with Courtland Lions under their gambling permit.

Rodewald made a motion to approve Resolution 26-101 Resolution Approving Courtland Fire Relief Association Bingo March 21, 2026. Juberien seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Additionally, they would like to apply for one day temporary liquor license for the day.

Juberien made a motion to approve Fire Department Temporary Liquor License for March 21, 2026 Bingo Event. Rodewald seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Marti made a motion to adjourn. Rodewald seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

A signed written copy of the minutes is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Holm, City Clerk